United Way of Cache Valley-Directors Message for the New Year 2021

Please Help our Community to Move beyond COVID 19

In order to accomplish this task, the United Way of Cache Valley will need to generate support for broader and likely long-term community needs.

Our focus in 2021 is simple, "Respond, Recover, Reimagine, Rebuild."

Together we can overcome this health and economic crisis by coming together, which is the strength of this great community. We can do this by increasing how we <u>Give</u>, <u>Advocate</u>, and <u>Volunteer</u> with our 14 community partners, which will drive real change.

United Way of Cache Valley- 14 Community partners are as follows:

- Bear River Head Start
- Cache County Food Pantry
- CETC
- Cache Valley for Hope
- CAPSA
- The Family Place
- Centro De La Familia
- Common Ground
- Community Nursing
- English Language CTR
- Children's Justice CTR
- Options for Independence
- Senior Citizens Center
- Sunshine Terrace

By "Living United," we can rebuild a better, more equitable, and more resilient Cache Valley.

The tough work that will be needed to help our community recover is the very work the United Way of Cache Valley does every day, so please join with the United Way of Cache Valley now, more than ever.

By joining with the United Way of Cache Valley you can help us fight with those facing food insecurity. You can help us prepare children for success in school, work, and life. You can help us connect those in financial distress with resources to pay bills and stay in their homes.

I understand the uphill journey we all experienced in 2020 with the pandemic and the economic unrest. I reflect back on one challenge that comes to my mind and even

continues to this day, of making sure my school age kids get the love, support, and help they need to stay engaged and active at their respective schools. This challenge really hits home for my family because dealing with a special needs child and another one that struggles with extreme anxiety, school wasn't easy before and now it's even more difficult. My wife and I would ask ourselves, "What can we do to help our children progress and succeed in this new education environment?" Sometimes we would feel lost and sometimes there was hope as we reached out for help through the school system. My journey this past year I'm sure, is no different than yours and that is why I'm so passionate about serving individuals and my community even more so in 2021 and beyond. This fight is not over. Help us as we continue to "Respond, Recover, Reimagine, and Rebuild" our communities.

Please contact us to learn how you can Give, Advocate, and Volunteer:

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Sincerely,

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